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Subject: My edits to statement on independent review

My edits to proposed statement-

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EPA Announces Department of the Interior DOI & Army Corps of Engineers to Lead Independent Review of Gold King Mine Release

Review to include analysis of ~~the cause of release's~~ cause, contractor activities and government oversight

WASHINGTON – The EPA announced today that the Department of the Interior's (DOI's) Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), joined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will lead an independent assessment of the factors ~~that leading~~ to the Gold King Mine release incident on August 5, 2015, in Colorado that affected the Animas and San Juan R~~iv~~ers. The assessment begins today, Monday, August 17, and the BOR will provide a report to the EPA within 60 days.

The incident-specific review will provide an analysis of the release's root cause~~of the release~~, a review of the agency's oversight of contractor activities, ~~contractor~~ and qualifications, ~~and~~ dig plan techniques, and historical review of the mining work at the Gold King Mine location.

The goal of the BOR and USACE's independent review is to provide the EPA with an analysis of the failure that took place at Gold King Mine, the contributing causes, and possible procedural mistakes.

For additional information about the independent review, please contact the DOI's press office.

Outstanding QA – Need to decide if we have answer and if we want to include any of these in the statement

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Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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